

# The Innkeeper



OCTOBER 2012

*preserving the past, enriching the future*

**EDUCATION** The mission of the Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel is to enrich the community by serving  
**HISTORIC PRESERVATION** as guardian for the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, by advocating preservation of Cary historic  
**CULTURAL ARTS** sites, by archiving history and facilitating history education, and by promoting the cultural arts.

## Yerha Appointed to Town Council

*By Brent Miller; information from Town of Cary*

Ed Yerha, immediate past president of the Friends of the Page-Walker, was appointed to the Cary Town Council to fill the unexpired At-Large Council seat vacated by Julie Robison. He was

sworn into office on August 23, 2012.

Ed (pictured left) has served Cary as a volunteer on several boards and commissions, including the Planning and Zoning Board, Town Center Area Plan Citizens Advisory Committee, Sister Cities

Commission, Downtown Parking Committee, Historic Resources Master Plan Advisory Committee, Zoning Board of Adjustment and Historic Preservation Survey Committee. And of course, he served for more than two years as the Friends president.

Ed was one of 59 citizens who applied for the position. In his application, he stated, "Although I have been involved in Town government for many years, I look forward to serving the town I care so much about in a greater role." Having benefited from Ed's service ourselves, the Friends look forward to that expanded role also.

Congratulations Ed!



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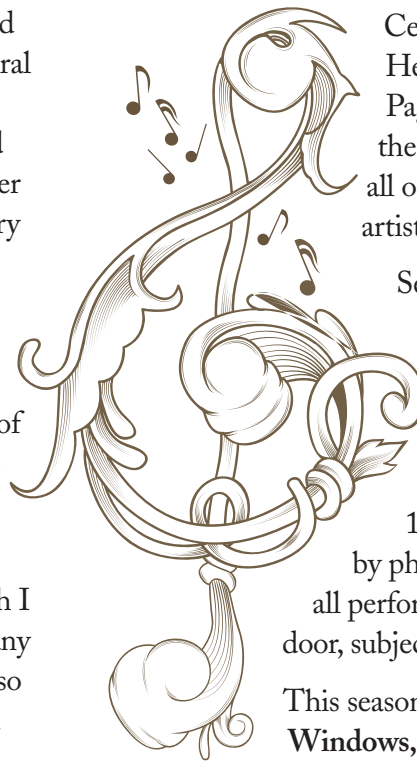
## Winter Concert Series Heats Up Cary

*By Trish Kirkpatrick & Lisa Englert*

The Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel are pleased to announce the schedule of performances for our 2012-13 Winter Concert Series. The series kicks off Sunday, November 11 and promises yet another season of eclectic and outstanding programs.

All performances are held on Sunday afternoons at 4:00

PM at The Page-Walker Arts & History Center, 119 Ambassador Loop – in the Heart of Cary. The Main Gallery of the Page-Walker Arts & History Center is the perfect intimate setting to showcase all of the uniquely talented and diverse artists who will be performing this year.



Season tickets are \$60; tickets to individual performances are \$15 each. Purchase tickets at the Cary Arts Center box office Monday - Friday from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm and Saturday from 10:00 am to

1:00 pm; online at [www.eTix.com](http://www.eTix.com); or by phone at 1-800-514-3849. Tickets for all performances also can be purchased at the door, subject to availability.

This season's performers are **Bill Leslie, Little Windows, Jon Shain and Brian Reagin**. See page 6 for a complete description of all concerts and page 17 for a clip-out poster.



## How Did I Get Here?... and Where are We Going?

**T**his is my first column as Friends president, and if you are wondering (like I am) how I came to be writing it, see the lead story on page 1. The Friends are delighted that our immediate past president, **Ed Yerha**, was appointed to serve on the Cary Town Council. Ed quickly realized that this new responsibility required a significant time investment, as does the Friends presidency, and that doing both while attending to all of life's other obligations would be overly demanding, so he reluctantly resigned as our leader. I had assumed that serving another term as vice president would entail my usual sorts of efforts for the Friends, but the board of directors decided that the vice president ought to fill the unexpired term of the presidency... so that's how I got here. The good news is that past president **Peggy Van Scoyoc**, a dedicated volunteer and experienced leader, was elected vice president, and Ed Yerha remains on our executive committee as immediate past president, along with secretary **Cathy Richmond** and treasurer **Pat Fish**, who continue to serve in those roles (and we are blessed and pleased that they do so). It truly is an honor to serve with them and the fine people who comprise our board of directors (see their names on page 12). Speaking of outstanding board members, please join me in welcome our newest ones: **Pat Sweeney** and **Barbara Wetmore**, who we are delighted and fortunate to have on our board; at the same time we regrettably say farewell to **Pam Christie**, **Augusta Dell'Omo** and **Jennifer Jones**, who have left our board, at least for now, and whose service we sincerely appreciate.

It's a privilege to serve in this role at such an exciting time. Where are the Friends going? In about one month, our **Winter Concert Series** begins, and **Trish Kirkpatrick** has arranged another fantastic lineup (see pages 1, 6 and 17). With the **White Plains Cemetery** now restored after four decades, under **Anne Kratzer's** leadership, we eagerly anticipate the upcoming ceremony there, at which the **Yates Mill chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution** will honor **Nathaniel Jones** as an American

Revolution Patriot (see story on page 5). Our **Oral History program**, led by **Peggy Van Scoyoc**, and our **Historic Preservation program series**, led by **Bob Myers**, **Marla Dorrel** and **Pat Fish**, have become community institutions (see stories on pages 4 and 10). The **Page Educational Gardens** (see story on page 8), maintained by an amazing group of volunteers led by **Anne Kratzer**, continues to get rave reviews from everyone who visits and was even a stop on the recent **Cary Scavenger Hunt**.

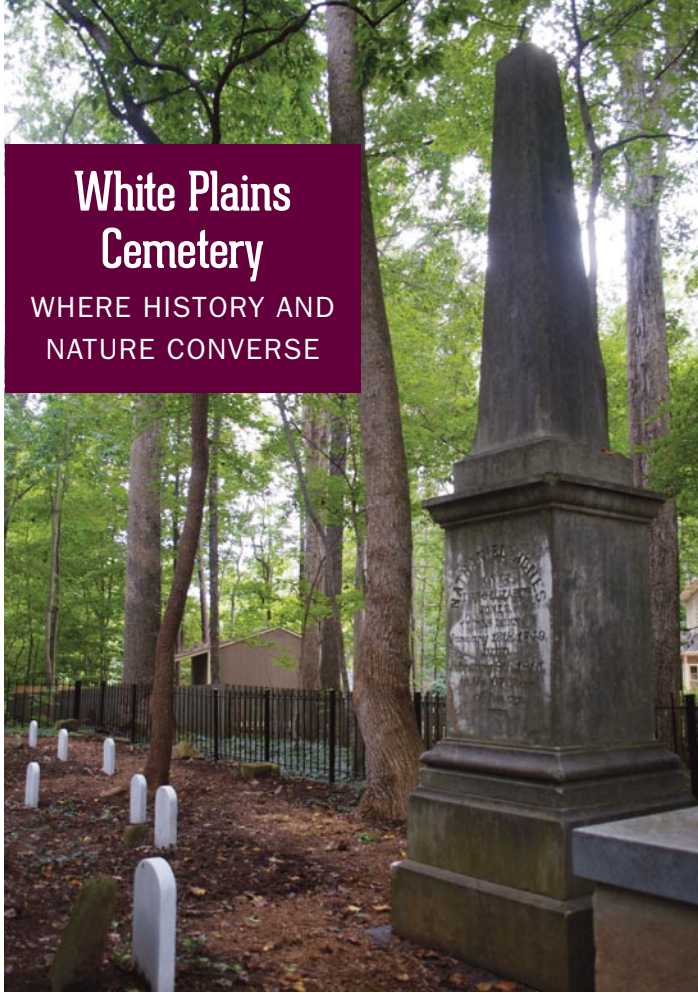
All that and we also are planning for the second annual **scholarship**, to be awarded to a local student; exploring the publication of a **photographic history of Cary book**; considering another **antiques appraisal fair**; already planning for the fourth annual **Herbfest**; accepting new engagements for our **speakers bureau**; and even more.

All this happens because of the efforts of so many dedicated volunteers, along with our Town of Cary Staff partners, all of whom tend to so many things beyond the events already mentioned, such as our web site (thanks **Lisa Englert** and **Bob Myers**), working with the **Cary Teen Council** (thanks **Aaron Reza**), handling all of our publicity (thanks **Lisa Englert**), attending to the **Page-Walker Arts & History Center** and our artifacts collection (thanks **Kris Carmichael**), and so much more. It's difficult to thank everyone who deserves it, but please see the "**Kudos**" on page 11 and please take a few moments to read the articles in this newsletter to gain a better appreciation of all the things that the Friends are up to in our community – then consider playing a part on these activities. *We always are seeking new volunteers and new ideas*, and there's something for just about everyone when you're among Friends.

Two final things: it's membership renewal time for most of us. *It's really important that you renew your existing membership and also get a friend to join. See the information on page 15.* And the Friends are looking to expand our presence in the community – let's leave that as a teaser for next time... see you then.

## White Plains Cemetery

WHERE HISTORY AND NATURE CONVERSE



to the cemetery, reported that many citizens seemed extremely surprised and excited to find such an historic treasure located in the middle of a 20th-century subdivision. The cemetery lived up to CaryCitizen's description of the scavenger hunt as "an adventure in your own backyard."

Recognition of our treasure continues to grow. This November, **Nathaniel Jones** of White Plains will receive a national award from the Daughters of the American Revolution recognizing his contributions and service during the American Revolution (additional story page 5). It is an honor for Cary to be nationally recognized for one of its early settlers. Thanks to **Cindy Foster**, President of the local DAR chapter, **Kris Carmichael**, Supervisor of the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, **Lyman Collins**, Director of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources, **Kevin Steed**, with Cary's Facilities Management Department and **Cary's Public Works** department for their continuing invaluable support in maintaining this link to Cary's early history.

Cemetery maintenance is an ongoing partnership of the Friends, the Town of Cary, Maynard Oaks residents and Cary citizens. In addition to our quarterly maintenance days, we thank neighbors **Kay & Rob Hawkins**, **Elaine & John Loyack** and **Matt Leitzke** for checking the site



(L to R) Anne Kratzer, Carla McKinney, Kay Hawkins, Pat Sweeney, Barb Wetmore, Matt Lietzke Marilyn Butler.

regularly. Thanks also to **Carla McKinney**, **Pat Sweeney**, **Kay Hawkins**, **Barb Wetmore**, **Marilyn Butler** and **Matt Leitzke**, who helped to spruce up the cemetery in June

By Anne Kratzer

White Plains Cemetery, located at 100 Tolliver Court in Maynard Oaks, continues to reveal its treasures. During our recent maintenance day, **Kay Hawkins** discovered an iron finial, an ornamental cap for a fence post, nestled in the ground underneath the very healthy periwinkle. **Tom Byrd**, author of *Around and About Cary*, shared with us that the original wrought iron fence that enclosed



Finial found by Kay Hawkins.

the cemetery had been stolen sometime around World War II for scrap metal. It is possible that Kay's discovery is a part of the original fence.

We will pursue the inquiry and if it is a historical artifact, we'll place the finial in the **Cary Heritage Museum** at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center.

And speaking of finding treasures, White Plains Cemetery was one of the destinations for those registered in the **Cary Scavenger Hunt**, sponsored by **CaryCitizen** and held on September 15. **John Loyack**, who resides next

PHOTO BY ANNE KRATZER

PHOTO BY JOHN LOYACK

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# Oral HISTORY

By Peggy Van Scoyoc

On July 25, 2012, Kris Carmichael and I interviewed **Bob Strother** at his beautiful **Strother Floral Gallery** in downtown Cary. In years past, Bob owned both the **Matthews House** and the **Page-Walker Hotel**. He gave us a wonderful history of both structures during the times he owned them.

Bob is a native of Cary, and went all through school at Cary High School and started in the florist business after high school. He bought the Matthews House in 1962 and converted the ground floor into his floral shop while living upstairs. Ten years later, he bought the Page-Walker Hotel and moved into it as his home, leaving his floral shop at the Matthews House. While he was the owner, Bob made many changes and additions to both structures. He had a vision to convert the Matthews House into a wedding venue and had started renovations toward that goal. In 1982, he sold the Page-Walker to the town and also lost the Matthews House. After moving his floral shop to several locations around town, in 2003 he moved it one final time to its current location on East Chatham Street.

## FRIENDS COMMEMORATIVE BRICK PROGRAM

Make Your Permanent Mark at the Page-Walker

By Pat Fish

The Friends sponsor an ongoing program to offer everyone the opportunity to purchase commemorative bricks for the

Page-Walker's beautiful courtyard. You can purchase one of these personally inscribed bricks in your own name, or you can choose to purchase a brick to honor members of your family, friends or a business. The bricks make perfect gifts to commemorate a special event, such as a wedding, anniversary or the birth of a child or grandchild.

This program enables you to become a part of the history of this important building, and your purchase supports the work of the Friends in our community.

It's easy to order a brick – a brick

form is included in this newsletter on page 16. Please consider purchasing a brick and becoming part of history and making your mark!



*White Plains, continued from page 3*

and/or September. The next maintenance days are **December 1, 2012** and **March 2, 2013** at 9:30 am. If you would like to join us, please contact me at [annekratz@aol.com](mailto:annekratz@aol.com).

Please visit the cemetery during these spectacular fall days. You'll find nature's beauty, a connection to the Town's past, and pure serenity. Special gifts.

LEFT: Redbud tree at White Plains Cemetery in Spring 2012.

## DAR to Honor Native Son

NATHANIEL JONES RECOGNIZED AS AMERICAN REVOLUTION PATRIOT

By Brent Miller and Kris Carmichael



PHOTO BY LAURIE MILLER

Nathaniel Jones gravesite at White Plains Cemetery on Remembrance Day 2011.

One year after **Remembrance Day**, the re-dedication of the restored White Plains Cemetery, another important event is planned to occur there. On **November 17, from 11:00 am – noon**, the Yates Mill chapter of the **Daughters of the American Revolution** will honor **Nathaniel Jones**, who is buried here, as a Patriot of the American Revolution because of his government service.

Nathaniel Jones (1749-1815), was a prominent North Carolinian whose life spanned the Revolutionary War and Federalist eras. Jones was a respected leader who served as a Wake County Commissioner, Justice of the Peace, Sheriff, and Clerk of Court, and was a member of the General

Assembly and the Council of State during the 1780s. He was also a delegate at the Constitutional Convention in Hillsborough in 1788.

Members of the Friends are invited to the ceremony (another reason to begin or renew your membership!), which is expected to include the unveiling of a plaque honoring Jones, a color guard from the Sons of the American Revolution, Jones family descendants and local dignitaries.



## Speakers Bureau

The Friends are pleased to visit other community organizations to talk to your members about the Page-Walker and other notable parts of Cary's history. Someone from our **Speakers Bureau** would be delighted to come to your event or club meeting. If you would like us to speak to your organization, contact us at [info@friendsofpagewalker.org](mailto:info@friendsofpagewalker.org)



## Photos Needed!

If you have any photos of old Cary you are willing to share with the Friends, please let us know. We will scan them (you can keep the originals) for our collection, and they might be selected for inclusion in our future photographic history book. To share your photos or get more information, contact us at [info@friendsofpagewalker.org](mailto:info@friendsofpagewalker.org)



# WINTER *Concert* SERIES

By Trish Kirkpatrick & Lisa Englert



## Bill Leslie

**November 11, 2012**

Bill Leslie is an Emmy award-winning journalist who anchors the morning and noon newscasts for WRAL-TV in Raleigh, North Carolina. He is also known as a new age recording artist who performs traditional as well as Celtic fusion music that he composed. Bill has also composed music featured on two albums by Bragh Adair.



## Little Windows

**December 16, 2012**

Come celebrate the holiday season in the delightfully decorated main gallery of the Page-Walker Arts & History Center. Returning for a third appearance at the Winter Concert Series, **Little Windows** is a music duo composed of **Julee Glaub** and **Mark Weems**. Mark and Julee tour together nationally and abroad with a focus on the art of the pure voice with tight harmonies in traditional Irish and Appalachian music. Instrumentation includes guitar, fiddle, banjo, flute, piano and bodhrán.



## Jon Shain

**January 20, 2013**

Jon Shain is a veteran singer-songwriter who's been turning heads for years with his words, his fiery acoustic guitar work and his evolved musical style – combining improvised Piedmont blues with bluegrass, swing and ragtime.



## Brian Reagin

**February 24, 2013**

*Carole J. Wright Memorial Concert, named for long-time concert series supporter and Friends benefactor*

**Brian Reagin**, noted violinist and Concertmaster of the North Carolina Symphony, returns as a crowd favorite to the Winter Concert Series. Brian, who captivated audiences with his brilliant performances in previous seasons of the Series, will treat concert-goers to a classical repertoire on his Lorenzo and Tomasso Carcassi violin made in Florence, Italy in 1763.

## TO PURCHASE TICKETS

Season tickets are \$60; tickets to individual performances are \$15 each. All concerts take place at 4 pm in the parlor of the Page-Walker. With the remarkable schedule of performances lined up this season, the Friends anticipate that they will sell out quickly. Concert patrons are encouraged to purchase their season tickets as early as possible to ensure their seat at each of these events.

Season tickets and individual concert tickets may be purchased at:

- Cary Arts Center box office (M–F from 10 am to 8 pm and Saturday from 10 am to 1 pm)
- Online at [www.eTix.com](http://www.eTix.com)
- By phone at 1-800-514-3849

*We look forward to seeing you at the Friends of the Page-Walker Winter Concert Series performances.*

Ashley McNamara



PHOTOS BY KRIS CARMICHAEL

Alaria Sacco with friend Dr. Templeton



## Summer Interns Lend A Hand at Page-Walker

By Kris Carmichael

The Page-Walker was blessed to have two young ladies who successfully participated in internships this summer (June – August 2012).

Ashley McNamara, a history major from **Western Carolina University**, worked more than 150 hours on several very beneficial projects:

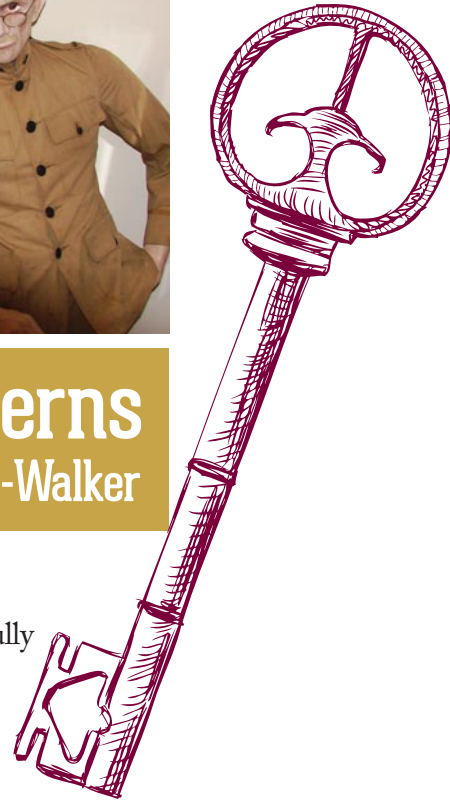
- **Newspaper Archive** – sorting, cataloguing and helping to coordinate scanning by the NC State Archives (who did not have copies and were happy to add them to their archives)
- **Tom Byrd Historic Cary Research Archives** – placed in new folders, re-housed folders and created finding aids for the entire collection and each folder
- **Templeton Medical Instruments** – aided in cleaning the display, photographing the instruments for identification, and even contacted the **Smithsonian** to set up a meeting with a curator who agreed to help identify some of the more curious items
- **Textile Collection** – helped photograph and document more than a dozen women's clothing items (circa 1880 – 1930) and placed them into proper acid-free boxes

In addition, Ashley worked with me to expand and enhance the data entries using PastPerfect software for all of the artifacts on display at the Page-Walker, including those exhibited in the **Cary Heritage Museum**.

Alaria Sacco, an **Appalachian State University** student, dedicated 37 hours of her time to the following efforts:

- Read local histories to become familiar with topics and artifacts in our collection
- Worked in our archives with Ashley and created finding aids for a research collection, scanned photos and photocopied newspaper accounts, replacing the acidic original newspapers
- Participated in discussions of exhibition techniques and methods of interpretation
- Aided in cleaning, repairing and reorganizing the museum's timeline display
- Worked with me to re-conceptualize the Cary Heritage Museum layout, creating drawings and suggesting display options.

It was indeed my pleasure to work with Ashley and Alaria. I was impressed with their interest and enthusiasm for the museum field.



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*Gardens*



FULL OF SURPRISES!

By Anne Kratzer

The Page Educational Gardens provided a growing season of surprises thanks to Mother Nature and some very thoughtful, competent and generous folks. In early May, the historic late 19th-century Page smokehouse, anchor of the gardens, was given a minor facelift. Many thanks to **Kevin O'Shea** for sending **Eric Carr**, a true craftsman, to repair and "squirrel-proof" the smokehouse, just in time for Herbfest. Also working wonders to prepare the Page-Walker grounds for thousands of visitors throughout the spring and summer were the extraordinary Public Works crew of **Jeff Privette**, **Christian Carfano**, **Cody Ooten** and **Kevin Johnson**. Thanks to the Town for its wonderful support!

Herbfest was a great success. Our garden "docents," **Lynn McKenzie**, **Kay Struffolino**, **Susan Hawthorne** and **Barb Wetmore**, joined me in welcoming visitors and sharing our knowledge of herbs. Aiding our efforts were special signs crafted by **Kris Carmichael** that indicate various uses of herbs, and dye swatches provided by **Lois Nixon** that represent the rainbow of colors that herbs produce for dyeing material. And of course, the herb labels made by **John Duncan** give the gardens a professional look all year. One visitor to the garden was so impressed by efforts of the Town and volunteers that he said he wouldn't mind if his taxes were raised to assure the quality of life that was found in Cary!

Just after Herbfest, the garden volunteers were presented with another surprise. As we entered the smokehouse, a handsome wood worktable greeted us! We discovered that it was made by **Wade Carmichael** (Made by Wade!) ([www.etsy.com/shop/CaroCraft?ref=search\\_shop\\_redirect](http://www.etsy.com/shop/CaroCraft?ref=search_shop_redirect)) and generously donated by Wade and Kris Carmichael for use by the garden volunteers. No more working on the smokehouse floor thanks to Wade and Kris!



Page smokehouse with new hyacinth bean "tepee"

PHOTO BY ANNE KRATZER



New worktable courtesy of Made by Wade!

PHOTO BY WADE CARMICHAEL

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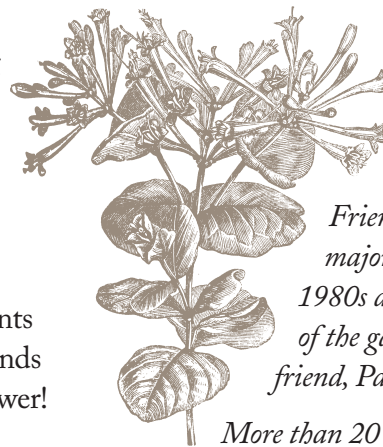
Other surprises were in store for us. The hyacinth beans, which had struggled so much last year, loved the new positioning of their “teepee” and have produced a multitude of blossoms and pods for everyone to admire. In addition, new, exciting herbs kept appearing, thanks to the enthusiasm and generosity of the volunteers: a perennial purple sage from Michele Brandow, Kent Beauty Oregano, Syrian Oregano and Anise Hyssop from Lois Nixon, and dill from Kay Struffolino, who also keeps us stocked with bags and is the garden liaison to the Town. And speaking of Kay, she is the recipient of this year’s distinguished “Ivy Wreath” to acknowledge the hundreds of hours she spent pulling errant mint from the areas in and adjacent to the Page Educational Gardens.

We ended the year with one final surprise. The Page Educational Gardens was one of the destinations included in the Cary Scavenger Hunt organized by CaryCitizen. One of the directives given to participants was to find a place in Cary that had three different kinds of mints. The gardens could certainly supply that answer!

Thanks so much to the garden “maintenance” volunteers who worked for a two week slot, or more, during the

growing season: Susan Hawthorne, Lynn McKenzie, Kerry Mead, Marilyn Butler, Paul and Lynn Wasylkevych, Lois Nixon, Renate Thompson, Pat Fish, Marla Dorrel, Cheryl McLean, Jerod and Anne Kratzer, Kay Struffolino, Barbara Wetmore, Bev Samuelson, Jimi Lagattuta, Linda Lowe and Alice Delahanty. Thanks also to the support of Layne Snelling and Campbell Road Nursery who continue to be generous with plants for the garden.

#### A FEW SPECIAL NOTES



*We also offer our deepest sympathy to former garden volunteer Pati Schetzina on the death of her husband, Jan. Pati has been an invaluable member of the*

*Friends of the Page-Walker, chairing the majority of fund-raisers throughout the 1980s as well as being a charter member of the garden volunteers. Our best to our friend, Pati.*

*More than 20 years ago, the Russell Hills Garden Club volunteered to be a partner with the Friends and Town in maintaining the gardens. Lou and Leah Hovis were the club’s dedicated representatives. They are in a new season of their lives and are not able to join us anymore. We thank them for their invaluable help and enthusiasm over the years and wish them the very best.*

We wrap up the 2012 season with the traditional “Put the Garden to Bed” party on Saturday, October 27, 9:00 – noon to prepare the garden for winter. Thanks to the Town staff for their continued invaluable support: Doug McRaine, Lyman Collins, Kris Carmichael, Carolyn Lewis, Kevin O’Shea and the Public Works Department.

We love welcoming new gardening enthusiasts, so if you’d like to join us, please contact me at [annekratz@aol.com](mailto:annekratz@aol.com).



Thriving hyacinth beans

PHOTO BY ANNE KRATZER



ALL HOUSE PHOTOS BY BRENT MILLER

HISTORIC PRESERVATION SPEAKER SERIES

# preserving the past

By Bob Myers and Brent Miller

The Friends' historic preservation speaker series continues to grow in popularity. On May 22, we presented the seventh annual installment of *What Have We Got to Lose?* This popular program included many new structures never presented before, with a special focus on properties identified as priorities in the historic resources survey that is underway by the Town of Cary.

Our eighth season of historic preservation programs kicks off this fall with our annual Halloween-week presentation about local cemeteries. This year's program, to be held **Tuesday October 30 at 7:30 pm** at the Page-Walker, focuses on several small but important family cemeteries in Cary. The series continues in January 2013; a complete description of this season's programs appears on page 14.

We continue to offer input to plans that affect historic properties in and around Cary. The historic preservation committee recently discussed and studied plans that will affect the historic Waldo house and Mayton house and, with the support of the entire board of directors, plan to formally

support the proposal when it comes before the Town Council. Similarly, we also expressed our support for the proposed renovation and adaptive reuse of the Jones-Foy (James Jones) house. Friends representatives also visited the historic George Upchurch farmhouse, which is located on a site proposed for development. The Friends are advocating that opportunities to preserve this structure, most likely at another site, be fully investigated and pursued if possible.

### READ MORE ABOUT CARY'S HISTORY

Peggy Van Scoyoc's latest book about the oral history of Cary, *Desegregating Cary*, complements her previous tome, *Just a Horse-Stopping Place*.

Don't forget the classic book of Cary History, *Around and About Cary* by Tom Byrd and Jerry Miller.

All three books can be purchased at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, and their sales benefit the Friends.

PHOTOS CLOCKWISE FROM LEFT: Jones-Foy house, Waldo house, Mayton house, Upchurch Farm house



## Here's How to Get Your Perks!

Being a member has its benefits! The Friends accomplish our mission of preserving the Page-Walker Arts & History Center and other Cary historic sites, history archival and education and promoting cultural arts through member participation.

Thank you for your continued support, and **please begin or renew your membership. If you haven't renewed for 2012 – 2013, please do so today.**

We have migrated our membership management to our web site. You will receive an email notification when your membership is due for renewal. You can check, begin and renew your membership online through our web site, [www.friendsofpagewalker.org](http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org). Our new membership management system now sends annual renewal reminders.

Alternatively, you can renew by mail. A membership form (for new memberships and renewals) appears on page 17. Please print, complete and return it today!

### THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNER, SUSTAINING AND SILVER SUSTAINING MEMBERS

Peggy Van Scoyoc  
Brent Miller  
Ed Yerha  
Rosanna Adams  
Hal Bowman &  
Mercedes Auger  
Pat Fish

Timothy LaCroix  
Nelson & Barbara  
Wetmore  
Michael Edwards  
Sheila & Carroll Ogle  
Marla Dorrel &  
Gary Craven

## Kudos to...

The Friends thank and recognize many people who make great things happen with their hard work:

**Kris Carmichael**, Supervisor of the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, for orchestrating *The September Concert: A 9/11 Commemoration*, presented by the Town of Cary and Sister Cities Association of Cary; and for her extraordinary support of the Friends' goals, particularly investigating ways to protect our historic collections and share them with the public, and her collaboration with the DAR for recognition of Nathaniel Jones

**Pat Fish**, for her continued excellence as Treasurer, Membership chair, coordinator of the Friends' booth at Lazy Daze, and participant in the Friends' Preservation Programs ... to mention just a few of her contributions!

**Lyman Collins**, Director of Cultural Resources, for strengthening the partnership between the Town and the Friends

**Bob Myers**, for the development of the Friends' website and for being an effective preservation spokesman for the Friends

**Ed Gawf**, Downtown Development Manager, for proactively engaging and involving the Friends in plans for downtown Cary

**Brent Miller**, for editing and publishing *The Innkeeper* and for developing components of the Speakers Bureau (*Ed. Note: Anne made me put this in*)

**Kay Struffolino**, for the extraordinary time and effort she has contributed to the workings of the Page Educational Gardens as our Town liaison

*List compiled from several sources.*

# Let's be friends!

By Lisa Englert

The Friends have joined the growing popularity of social networking sites and we are pleased to remind you of our presence on Facebook and Twitter.

We invite you to join our fan page at Facebook and follow us on Twitter. You can quickly and efficiently receive updates about important initiatives we're following, our upcoming programs and events, ticket information and so on (note that because of inactivity, we discontinued our LinkedIn).



The Friends friend and tweet! Find us online today!

[www.friendsofpagewalker.org](http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org)

[www.facebook.com/PageWalkerHotel](http://www.facebook.com/PageWalkerHotel)

[twitter.com/FriendsofPW](http://twitter.com/FriendsofPW)



*Please share this issue of  
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## BOARD MEMBERS

Your Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel board members are these volunteers:

Brent Miller (president)  
Ed Yerha (past president)  
Peggy Van Scoyoc (vice president)  
Cathy Richmond (co-secretary)  
Mercedes Auger (co-secretary)  
Pat Fish (treasurer, life member)  
Keith Bliss  
Leesa Brinkley  
Marilyn Butler  
Michael Edwards  
Lisa Englert  
Don Frantz (Cary Town Council liaison)  
Kirk Fuller  
Phizzy King  
Trish Kirkpatrick  
Anne Kratzer (life member)  
Bob Myers  
Candice Page O'Beirne  
Olene Ogles  
Aaron Reza (Teen Council liaison)  
John Shaw  
Pat Sweeney  
Renate Thompson  
Barbara Wetmore

The board is also fortunate to have the participation of Town of Cary staff members Lyman Collins, Kris Carmichael and Rob Garner.

If you are interested in serving on the Friends board in the future (or if you have served in the past and would like to contribute again), please contact any board member or see the "Contact the Friends" information on page 17.

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## ABOUT THE INNKEEPER

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# OCTOBER

**OCTOBER 27**  
Put the Garden to Bed  
9 am – noon (p 8)

**OCTOBER 30**  
“More Mysteries & Secrets:  
Exploring Cary’s Cemeteries”  
7:30 pm (pp 10 & 14)

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# NOVEMBER

**NOVEMBER 11**  
Winter Concert: Bill Leslie  
4 pm (p 6)

**NOVEMBER 17**  
DAR ceremony at White Plains  
11 am – Noon (p 5)

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# DECEMBER

**DECEMBER 1**  
White Plains Cemetery Maintenance  
9:30 am (p 6)

**DECEMBER 11**  
Winter Concert: Little Windows  
4 pm (p 6)

**DECEMBER 20**  
Friends Gift Wrap at Cary Barnes & Noble  
9 am – 10 pm

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## UPCOMING 2013 EVENTS

Winter Concert: John Shain  
January 20, 2013 4 pm (p 6)

“Why is This House called DRY?”  
January 22, 7:30 pm (p 14)

Winter Concert: Brian Reagin  
February 24, 2013 4 PM (p 14)

White Plains Cemetery Maintenance  
March 2, 9:30 am (p 10)

“How Do You Care for Your  
Family Treasures?”  
March 26, 7:30 pm (p 14)

“What Have We Got to Lose?”  
Annual Survey of Historic Properties  
May 28, 7:30 pm (p 14)

*All events at the Page-Walker unless otherwise noted.*

[www.friendsofpagewalker.org/concerts\\_and\\_programs](http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org/concerts_and_programs)



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FRIENDS OF PAGE-WALKER

# Historic Preservation Series

*at the Page-Walker Arts & History Center*

Free and open to public. For more information, visit [www.friendsofpagewalker.org](http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org) or call (919) 460-4963.

## **“More Mysteries & Secrets: Exploring Cary’s Cemeteries”**

TUESDAY OCTOBER 30, 7:30 PM

There’s something mysterious about cemeteries. As we pass them, our thoughts begin to fly: Who rests there? What joys and sorrows surrounded their lives? Where are their families - with them, or far, far away? Join The Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel as they explore the mysteries and secrets held by local cemeteries, identifying the resting places of historic figures and bringing to light the more obscure facts and questions from both prominent and well-hidden burial grounds in Cary and its outskirts.

## **“Why is This House called DRY?”**

TUESDAY JANUARY 22, 7:30 PM

Discover who Marcus Dry was and the important role he played in Cary education. Meet the current owners of the Marcus Dry house, John and Sandy Duncan, and learn about their restoration efforts to preserve one of Cary’s historic treasures.

## **“How Do You Care for Your Family Treasures?”**

TUESDAY MARCH 26, 7:30 PM

Few of us think to preserve our family treasures until it’s too late. This practical presentation tells just how to safeguard cherished photos, a wedding dress, antique furniture, and numerous other precious family heirlooms for future generations.

## **“What Have We Got to Lose?” Annual Survey of Historic Properties**

TUESDAY MAY 28, 7:30 PM

Join the Friends of Page-Walker for their annual survey of Cary’s historic properties. This slide show tour showcases historic properties in Cary. Narration by members of the Friends’ Historic Preservation Committee describes the historic and architectural significance of the properties and includes interesting tidbits about former owners and their place in Cary’s history.

# Begin or Renew Your *Membership* Today!

To join the Friends, or renew your existing membership, visit [www.friendsofpagewalker.org](http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org) or fill out the form below and bring it to the Page-Walker or mail it with your contribution to:

**Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel**  
Box 4234  
Cary, NC 27519

All members receive a complimentary copy of *The Innkeeper* newsletter and discounts for many Town-sponsored Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources department programs held at the Page-Walker Hotel. Non-business donations of \$100 or more and business donations of \$500 or more will be recognized in the newsletter.

## Individual, family, and civic group memberships:

- Individual \$30
- Family \$50
- Community Partner \$100
- Sustaining Member \$150 (Includes your choice of *Around and About Cary* or *Just a Horse-Stopping Place* book)
- Silver Sustaining Member \$250 or more (Includes 2 winter concert series season tickets)
- My employer, \_\_\_\_\_ has a matching gift program.

## Business memberships:

- Business Member \$250 (Includes 2 winter concert series tickets)
- Business Partner \$500 or more (Includes 2 winter concert series tickets)

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**NAME/ORGANIZATION**

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**ADDRESS**

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**CITY/STATE/ZIP**

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**TELEPHONE**

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**E-MAIL ADDRESS**

# COMMEMORATIVE BRICK ORDER FORM

## Be A Part Of History And Make Your Mark

You have the opportunity to leave your mark on history by having your name inscribed on a brick that will be placed in the courtyard or walkway at the Page-Walker Arts and History Center. You may also choose to honor a family member, friend or a business. Not only will you be making a mark on history, you will also contribute to the future of your community by playing an important role in the preservation of the Page-Walker Arts and History Center.

Please make checks payable to the Friends of the Page-Walker and mail along with this form to:

**Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel**  
Box 4234  
Cary, NC 27519

- I wish to order (\_\_\_\_) (Quantity) of Bricks at \$50 per brick. Enclosed is the total of \$\_\_\_\_\_
- I do not wish to have a brick inscribed but enclose \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help in your effort.

Please print the name or message to be inscribed with a limit of 2 lines and 15 spaces per line.

### Brick 1:

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### Brick 2:

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Please call Pat Fish at 919-467-5696 if you have any questions.  
Please note that brick orders are placed when a cumulative total of 10 brick orders have been received.



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## FRIENDS OF THE PAGE-WALKER HOTEL

### CONTACT THE FRIENDS

Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel  
Box 4234, Cary, NC 27519  
(919) 460-4963 program information  
email: [info@friendsofpagewalker.org](mailto:info@friendsofpagewalker.org)  
[www.friendsofpagewalker.org](http://www.friendsofpagewalker.org)

### Information about the Friends

President Brent Miller (919) 469-0498

### Plan a Visit

Page-Walker Hotel is located at 119 Ambassador Loop

Directions: Located on Ambassador Loop on Town Hall Campus. The campus is off North Academy Street, between Chapel Hill Road and Chatham Street in downtown Cary.

### Hours of Operation

Monday – Thursday: 10 am – 9:30 pm

Friday: 10 am – 5 pm

Saturday: 10 am – 1 pm

Friday Evening – Sunday by reservation

*The Page-Walker Arts & History Center is closed on all official Town holidays.*

Please visit the Friends' Web site. It's a great way to learn about the history and mission of the organization and to find out about and register for upcoming events. If you aren't receiving email notifications from us, register on the site and join the hundreds who already do.

It's also an easy way to become a member! You can join the Friends, make a donation and purchase tickets, all online using your favorite credit card. We greatly appreciate the support of our loyal membership. We couldn't continue to provide the variety of services that we do without you!

TOWN OF CARY

PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES

# The Friends of Page-Walker Concert Series

*Intimate Performances in the Main Gallery of the Page-Walker Arts & History Center  
119 Ambassador Loop in Downtown Cary*



Bill Leslie

November 11 – **Bill Leslie**  
*Award winning Celtic fusion singer songwriter*

December 16 – **Little Windows**  
*Holiday music with an Appalachian flair*

January 20 – **Jon Shain**  
*Fiery acoustic guitarist performs blues to bluegrass*

February 24 – **Brian Reagin**  
*Carole J. Wright Memorial Concert  
Violinist / Concertmaster of the NC Symphony*



Jon Shain



Little Windows



Brian Reagin

Each of these Sunday afternoon concerts begins at 4 p.m.  
Season Tickets \$60 / or \$15 per performance. Space is limited!

**PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT [etix.com](http://etix.com)**

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